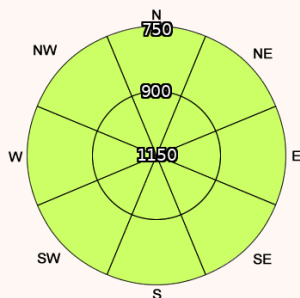


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 25/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 26/01/2020



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Overnight, the freezing level will remain above the summits with mostly dry conditions with strong Southerly winds. Early morning the freezing level will start to lower becoming around 500 metres by late afternoon. Showers falling as sleet then snow above 800 metres. Winds will veer and ease becoming fresh West-South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The moist snowpack will consolidate as it starts to re-freeze. New, light snow accumulations will start to form windslab in sheltered areas. These are not expected to be significant but deeper accumulations will be poorly bonded. The greatest deposits will be on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Sheltered gully exits and steep coire headwalls and rims will be particularly affected. Soft cornices will develop. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 25/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Mild, the freezing level was above the summits, it was plus 1 degree celsius at midday near the summit of Aonach Mor at 1221 metres. The winds were fresh to strong over the higher summits from a South-Westerly direction. Light rain showers at times but mainly drizzle and misty over the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is generally moist at all elevations and it remains generally well bonded, it is slightly more firm above 1000 metres. At lower levels it continues to slowly thaw and consolidate. Some very localised surface wet snow instabilities exist on steeper North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moist patchy snowpack which is thawing at all elevations but firmer above 1000 metres. Reasonable visibility but poor at times over the summits. Moderate to Fresh West-South-Westerly winds.

Comments

New snow amounts are not certain but trending more wintry.